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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Office of Regulatory Staff's Petition for an Order Requiring Utilities to Report the  
Impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act  
**Docket No. 2017-381-A**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

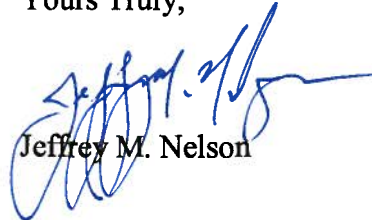
As indicated in Mr. Hoefer's letter filed with the Commission yesterday, there are still several substantial issues in this docket which remain unanswered. As the peripheral issues regarding CIAC have now been resolved by the parties, ORS asks that the central issues in this case which remain between ORS and certain water and sewer utilities, addressing South Carolina ratepayers being provided the benefits of the Tax Act effective January 1, 2018, be set for a hearing or oral argument before the full Commission.

ORS continues to assert, as stated in our letter to the Commission dated March 30, 2018, that it is critical to ensure the savings from the Tax Act are timely passed on to South Carolina ratepayers, as these ratepayers are required to pay through their rates the tax expenses of these water and sewer utilities.

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While awaiting arguments to be scheduled in this docket, ORS will continue to attempt to reach a resolution of the remaining issues with the other parties.

Yours Truly,



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cc: Parties of Record (via E-mail & U.S. Mail)  
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